



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1754
PATENT APPLICATION

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For: CARBON FIBER, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, the period of response to which has been extended for three months by a concurrently filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 15 to 17 are all the claims pending in the application.

The present invention as set forth in claim 13 is directed to a graphitized carbon fiber obtained by a high temperature heat treatment method for vapor grown carbon fiber which has been produced through thermal decomposition reaction of a carbon source and a transition metal catalyst, serving as main raw materials, which method comprises vaporizing a metal impurity